CLAIMS:

1.   Record carrier containing an audio file (1) adapted to be navigated by means of a read-out device, comprising:

- audio data (2) being segmented into segments (5) to which an address information (6) is assigned indicating a location of a segment (5),

- pointer data (3) comprising segment indexes (7) representing said segments (5) of said audio data (2) to each of which said address information (6) and an auditory cue (4) is assigned, and

- said auditory cues (4) being adapted to be sounded during browsing said segment indexes (7).

2.   Record carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said address information (6) is a time code, a packet number or a physical address.

3.   Record carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said segments (5) are chapters of an audio book, scenes in a musical or parts of a symphony.

4.   Record carrier as claimed in claim 1, characterized in that said pointer data (3) and said auditory cues (4) are stored at the end of said audio file (1).

5.   Audio file adapted to be navigated by means of a read-out device, comprising:

- audio data (2) being segmented into segments (5) to which an address information (6) is assigned indicating a location of a segment (5),

- pointer data (3) comprising segment indexes (7) representing said segments (5) of said audio data (2) to each of which said address information (6) and an auditory cue (4) is assigned, and

- said auditory cues (4) being adapted to be sounded during browsing said segment indexes (7).

6.   Read-out device for navigating an audio file (1), wherein said audio file (1) contains audio data (2) being segmented into segments (5) to which an address information (6) is assigned indicating a location of a segment (5), pointer data (3) comprising segment indexes (7) representing said segments (5) of said audio data (2) to each of which said

5   address information (6) and an auditory cue (4) is assigned, and said auditory cues (4) being adapted to be sounded during browsing said segment indexes (7), comprising:
- a browser for browsing said segment indexes (7),
- means for sounding said auditory cue (4) assigned to the segment index being encountered during browsing,

10   - means for selecting a segment index (7) representing a segment (5) being selected to be read, and
- means for reading the selected segment (5) starting from the location indicated by the address information (6) assigned to the selected segment index (7).

15   7.   Read-out device as claimed in claim 6, characterized by a cache for storing the segment indexes (7).

8.   Read-out device as claimed in claim 6, characterized by a volume knob (10) being adapted to browse the segment index (7) with a circumference (11), which is in

20   sections (12) mapped to assigned section indexes (7).

9.   Read-out device as claimed in claim 6, characterized by a fast forward button and reverse button being adapted to browse to a following or previous section index (7) by pressing the corresponding button.

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10.   Recording device for recording an audio file (1), wherein said audio file (1) contains audio data (2) being segmented into segments (5) to which an address information (6) is assigned indicating a location of a segment (5), pointer data (3) comprising segment indexes (7) representing said segments (5) of said audio data (2) to each of which said

30   address information (6) and an auditory cue (4) is assigned, and said auditory cues (4) being adapted to be sounded during browsing said segment indexes (7), comprising:
- means for locating address data (6) at each segment (5),
- means for recording said pointer data (3), and
- means for recording said auditory cues (4).

11.   Method for navigating an audio file (1) by means of a read-out device,
wherein said audio file (1) contains audio data (2) being segmented into segments (5) to
which an address information (6) is assigned indicating a location of a segment (5), pointer
5   data (3) comprising segment indexes (7) representing said segments (5) of said audio data (2)
to each of which said address information (6) and an auditory cue (4) is assigned, and said
auditory cues (4) being adapted to be sounded during browsing said segment indexes (7),
comprising the steps of:
       -   browsing said segment indexes (7),
10   -   sounding an auditory cue (4) assigned to the segment index (7) being encountered
           during browsing,
       -   selecting a segment index (7) representing a segment (5) selected to be read, and
       -   reading the selected segment (5) starting from the location indicated by the address
           information (6) assigned to the segment index (7).
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12.   Method for recording an audio file (1), wherein said audio file (1) contains
 ·   audio data (2) being segmented into segments (5) to which an address information (6) is
assigned indicating a location of a segment (5), pointer data (3) comprising segment indexes
(7) representing said segments (5) of said audio data (2) to each of which said address
20   information (6) and an auditory cue (4) is assigned, and said auditory cues (4) being adapted
to be sounded during browsing said segment indexes (7), comprising the steps of:
       -   locating address data at each segment (5),
       -   recording said pointer data (3), and
       -   recording said auditory cues (4).